

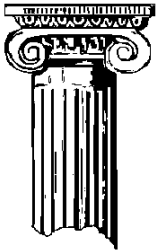
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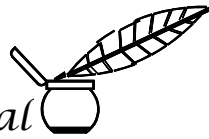
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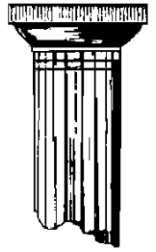


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Editorial



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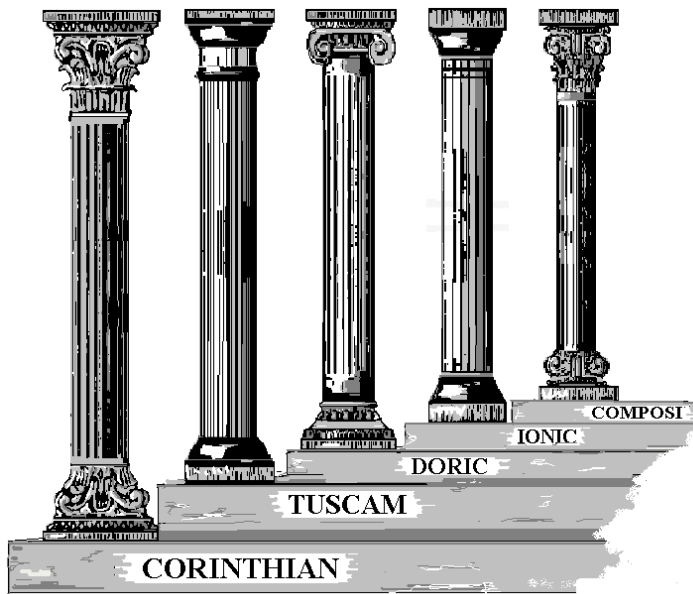
As we hurtle towards the recess, indeed when this issue of the Mallet is published we will only be a few short days away from our final meeting prior to the recess, our dramatized "Prisoner of War Degree" on Tuesday 3rd May.

We should also not forget that it is encumbant upon all of us to continue our support the Lodge through the summer months.

While the executive officers will maintain the administration of our fine premises during this period it cannot be denied we also require you, the ordinary member to help and support the various fund raisers and functions put on during the summer. The rent and rates, electricity and gas bills do not stop just because we do.

Wasn't it a great sight to see three gentlemen being initiated at our April 19th meeting and what a great piece of ceremonial it was by our good friends a Lodge Thistle & Crown No. 1167. We must still remember that it is not the primary function of Freemasonry to simply initiate Candidates and to enlarge its membership accordingly. Surely the true aim of the Craft is to educate and instruct its Brethren in a true and meaningful understanding of the truths, which its rituals and its ceremonies portray. To develop them as benevolent men, to cultivate their social virtues and to promote knowledge of our art.

The chief concern of every Lodge should be the welfare, the happiness and the Masonic development of its members. The true beauty of our ritual, and the good fellowship among our Brethren cannot be preserved if our aim is to make Freemasons and money and a Lodge's life does not consist of its acquisitions, but in the contribution which it makes to society and to its community through the influence of those whom it has helped to train.



Finally, another set of often overlooked event which occurs around this time are the Divine Services of the Lodges, Provincial Grand Lodge as well as that of the Royal Arch Chapters and Cryptic

Councils. Please try and get along to at least one of these.

Hugh Cattigan P.M. Editor.

MASTER of LODGE

Brethren,

The Right Worshipful Master Bro. Ian Blair cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming meetings of the Lodge: -

Tuesday 3rd May 2016

7:30pm

Business meeting
followed by



A Dramatised Degree by the brethren of Lodge Union and Crown No.307 depicting the activities of Freemasons during wartime captivity.



100 CLUB

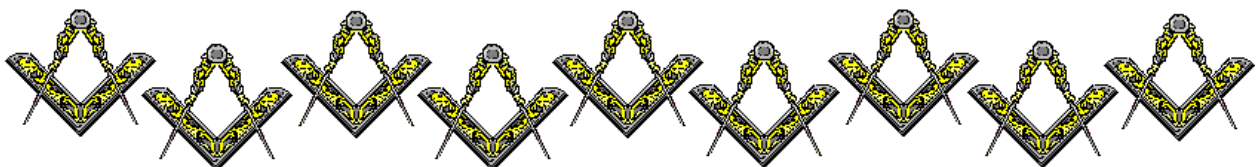
The lucky winners of our cash prizes for the month of April were:

Tuesday 5th April 2016	£10: Bro. Steven Amabile
	£5: Bro. David McArthur PM
Tuesday 19th April 2016	£10: Bro. Ronnie McIsaac
	£5: Bro. Iain Nicol



My dad worked on the roads for twenty years before he got fired for stealing!

At first I didn't believe it.... But when I got home all the signs were there.



Regular Meetings

A regular Meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday 5th April 2016 and following the business, most of the assembled brethren were surprised to see members of the Lodge Instruction Class step aside to allow Lodge Union & Crown's Honourary members to carry out the MM Degree on our candidates.

WILLIAM MURRAY and PAUL DEVLIN

The Degree team entered the Lodge room and those assembled brethren knew they were in for a Masonic treat with the wealth of experience on display, Provincial Grand Master Bro. John S. Miller, Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master Bro. David Reid, Past Provincial Grand Master Bro. Frank Johnstone and Depute Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West Bro John Keith. It may be a few years into their own masonic careers before the above candidates realise, and appreciate, what a fine degree they were given.

Following the meeting a harmony took place where everyone was able to relax following the labours of the evening.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed - 09:46 pm Attendance - 60

At our Regular Meeting of Tuesday 19th April 2016 the following gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order by our good friends from Lodge Thistle & Crown No.1167:-

JOHN BELL

ROSS BERNARD

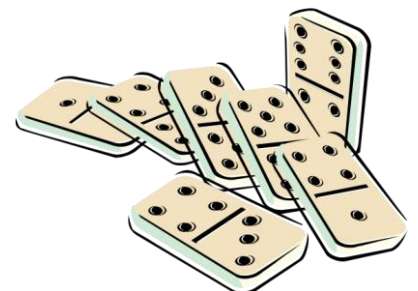
KENNETH ROBERTSON

In what was a very good EA Degree the brethren of Lodge Thistle & Crown gave the three gentlemen above a superb introduction to Freemasonry and their own Right Worshipful Master, Bro. Bob McCulloch could have been entitled to feel a very proud man. The degree work was appreciated by all in attendance which included five reigning Masters including the RWM of Lodge St Conval who was accompanied by 9 of his own brethren.

A harmony supper followed downstairs with the brethren having the opportunity to renew old friendships.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed – 09:53pm Attendance – 95

Bro Lawrence Webb, Director of Music, has again run a successful games night on Friday 22nd April including the usual darts competition, dominoes and even ten-pin bowling (On a Wii) and these have proved to be popular and a great, fun night. It is hoped even more brethren will attend these evenings in the future and join in the fun... and the Pakora.



GAMES NIGHTS – USUALLY ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, FUNCTIONS PERMITTING

Official Visits

On Friday, 15th April, 17 Brethren travelled to visit our friends at Lodge St. Johns Royal Arch Saltcoats and Ardrossan No. 320 to carry out the Fellowcraft Degree. On arrival we were warmly welcomed and were offered tea and coffee whilst the deputation assembled.

On Entering the Lodge Room the usual welcomes were made and our own Right Worshipful Master, Bro. Ian Blair was presented with the mallet in order to carry out the labours of the evening. This would be a special night in more ways than one as it would not only mark our Inner Guard, Bro. Robert Clark making his debut on the floor but it would have extra significance for him as it would be his son, Dale who was receiving his FC Degree!

After a short recess to allow all the brethren participating in the degree to make last minute preparations, the Degree got under way with Bro. Robert proudly and very capably carrying out his duties along with the rest of the degree team who put on a performance of the highest quality in what was a fine team effort.



After the mallet was returned to the RWM of Lodge St. Johns Royal Arch Saltcoats and Ardrossan No. 320, Bro. Brian Gibson, wages were paid for work very well done and this was greatly appreciated by everyone who had taken part. Visiting brethren including members of The PGL of Ayrshire then made reply, stating that this was a very fine degree and the candidate could not help but be impressed!

Following the meeting a harmony took place with a warm friendly atmosphere pervading and fine food being greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. To cap it all the newly passed F.C. Bro Dale Clark pulled out his father's ticket in the raffle which caused much hilarity.

Tuesday 26th April 2016 saw an even larger deputation, of some 27 brethren, accompany the Right Worshipful Master, Bro. Ian Blair the somewhat shorter distance to our old friends, Lodge Prince of Wales No. 426 in Renfrew and while there to initiate their latest candidate into the mysteries and privileges of our order.

A very satisfying evening for all in attendance and greatly encouraging to see a new face taking part on the floor and another member expressing an interest in doing some degree work.

We hope the relationship between both of the above lodges and ourselves lasts well into the future.

I haven't verified this but it sounds legit... A recent study found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.



Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday the 12th April 2016 the following Brother:

George McGrandles

a MM of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307 and a MMM of the same Lodge received a fine Mark Affiliate and Excellent Masters Degree from the Companions of Greenock RAC No.17.

It was especially pleasing to note that ALL Chapters in the Province were present at the meeting to witness the excellent work done by the Companions of Greenock RAC who are to be congratulated on work very well done. After the meeting the Companions of all the Chapters present retired downstairs to enjoy a spot of Chapter hospitality

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for:

Tuesday 10th May at 7:30pm

When a Royal Arch Degree will be conferred on the above Brother by the Office Bearers and Companions of Rockmount RAC. This will also be our final meeting prior to the summer recess.

MEC Graham Manson MEZ and his Office-bearers extend a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend on that evening.

Rockmount Cryptic Council

At the Regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 26th April 2016 the Companions of Rockmount Cryptic Council gave a rendition of a Royal Master Degree to the small but enthusiastic assembly.

Past T.I.M Wilson Davidson wished the TIM C. Bob McCulloch best wishes for the summer recess and in reply the TIM wished all the Companions a good summer and as this is the last meeting before the recess invited us to attend the next regular meeting of Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367 which will also be the A.G.M. and Installation.

Tuesday 27th September 2016

The Companions then retired downstairs for a spot of harmony and a good chinwag.

Provincial Grand Chapter of Renfrewshire

The Annual Divine Service will, this year take place at
Stowe Brae Kirk, Neilston Rd. Paisley on

Sunday 18th September 2016.

2:30 for 03:00pm



The West Wall



We may have to put up a Health and Safety notice to all Brethren entering the Lodge room advising them not to sprain their neck on entering the temple as they suddenly turn to look up at the new mural on our West wall.

Copied from the original painting "The Inauguration of Robert Burns as Poet Laureate of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning 1st March 1787" by William Stewart Watson. The painting itself has caused some controversy itself with some saying the event did not take place and I will not comment further on that particular debate, suffice to say, in my opinion, that it is an excellent painting as well as a fine depiction set during an historic phase in Scottish Freemasonry.

It was in 1845 that James Marshall, a member of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning suggested that the Inauguration would make a fitting subject for a painting. To undertake the work, he recommended William

Stewart Watson, also a member of the Lodge. James Marshall also offered to pay for the commission but that he would have the right to sell limited edition 'engravings' of the painting. William Stewart Watson was given access to all the relevant documentation and had access to members verbal accounts so that he was able to build up an image of the event. The finished painting was ultimately donated to Grand Lodge in 1864 on behalf of the Late Chevalier James Burnes who was also a member of the Lodge and a descendant of Robert Burns.

Another interesting fact is that this is not the only version of the painting, there is a second and it is only with a second glance one sees that some of the characters have moved and some have left the scene entirely.

Finally and of interest to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East. The character in the top right of the painting and standing in front of the painting, within the painting, is John Miller, Advocate and The Historian... Just how old is the Provincial Grand Master? (Sadly I've cut the PGM... Sorry, John Miller, Advocate out of the attached photographs to see him, you'll just have to visit the Lodge.



On Thursday 7th April 2016 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH) in Paisley Brother James Reid of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307 peacefully passed away.

Bro Jim was 67 years of age and lived, with his dear wife Aileen, in the Lavernside Ave area in Barrhead. He was a welder to trade who joined our beloved Lodge on the third of October 1978. He continued to visit the Lodge on a regular basis after his initiation but this later became more difficult due to an ongoing and progressive health concern. During my early years as your Almoner I had the occasion to visit with Bro. Jim at his home and I was always welcomed with a dignified warmth by both Jim and Aileen.

The funeral service took place at the Bourrock Church, Barrhead and thereafter at Neilston cemetery, I attended both services. I also visited the family home a few days prior to the services and expressed my condolences to the family on behalf of the Lodge for which the family thanked me.

Bro. James Reid will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Other visits to the RAH included visits to see Bro. John Brooks who has since been discharged and also involved several visits to Bro. Malcolm Turner who, it is expected, will be getting moved to the Southern General, Glasgow in the near future for further tests and treatment..

My visits this month have also taken me to the homes of: -

- (1) Bro. John Brooks and Anna (on his discharge from hospital).
- (2) Bro. Eddie Glasper.
- (3) Bro John W. Smith.
- (4) Bro. Robert Nixon PM
- (5) Bro. Robert Kennedy.
- (6) Bro. James M. Laird
- (7) Mrs. Isabel Heron at her home.
- (8) Bro. Jim Heron and Isobel... Where I was able to wish Bro Jim a:

Happy Birthday
Bro. Jim Heron
From all your friends at
Lodge Union & Crown No. 307



Mrs Helen Young, at time of writing, is still a patient at the RAH. It has been requested by Helen that at this time there be no visitors. Helen's daughter Doris is keeping me informed of her mother's condition through regular telephone calls. I am also kept up to date by the very close family friend, our Tyler, Bro. James Laing. Accordingly I expressed my thanks to Doris and Bro. Jim.

So sorry to hear that Bro. Michael McBride has suffered the return an intermittent health problem which has bothered him over recent years. Bro. Michael, I do hope you stay strong in mind and spirit, as you did before, to overcome any obstacles in front of you on this occasion. As I said when we spoke, I am only a phone call away to render any assistance to you, if required.

Brethren, whilst bringing this report to a conclusion, I have to inform you that our Tyler, Bro. James Laing has just undergone a surgical procedure at the RAH. I do intend to visit Bro. Jim at either the RAH or his home at the earliest opportunity convenient to Bro. Jim. Jim, may your recovery be speedy and may I add a final comment that you are a Brother who is much loved and respected by all the Brethren of Lodge Union & Crown and beyond.

Brethren, I, your Worthy Almoner, await your call to aid and help you all, no matter what... I wish you all well.

Bro. Alex White, Lodge Almoner, ☎ 0141-571 6411

Summer Fayre

Saturday 4th June 2016



The Right Worshipful Master Bro Ian Blair, is looking for donations of Tombola Prizes, home baking, books, CD's, DVD's etc. and most importantly of all support from the brethren and their families on the day. Please come along and have an enjoyable afternoon in the lodge where there will be plenty see, eat and drink.

The tea room and the bar as well as the usual attractions will be there. Any brother willing to help can contact Bro Ian.

As well as a fun day out, it is also a great opportunity for a social occasion with many wives, partners, families and friends joining the brethren in both the tearoom and bar as the day progresses.

It is also important however to remember this afternoon is without doubt one of the most important fundraisers of the year because with the lodge in recess, income is severely limited and bills still need to be paid.



It is vital therefore that the Summer Fayre is a success and that as many brethren as possible contribute in even the smallest way. Perhaps by handing in a prize, some old books, bric-a-brac (**NOT** old broken electrical equipment or VHS tapes!) and more importantly by turning up and participating on the day...



Of course we are only too aware of holidays, bowling, caravans and all the other distractions the summer brings but it cannot be emphasised strongly enough how important a good Summer Fayre can be to the Lodge.

The usual stalls will be there and the Right Worshipful Master Bro. Ian Blair hopes this will be a successful day and appeals for a good attendance.

RECESS DANCE



SATURDAY 7TH MAY

Second Generation are an experienced duo, if you are looking for a good old knees-up Second Generation will provide an unforgettable evening of entertainment.

If you are looking for class and elegance this duo have it in abundance, however they are also down to earth, full of fun and ready to roll out the party numbers if and when required.

They have an enviable play list and you're just as likely to hear a good old swinging 60's classic as a current chart hit.

If interested in attending what should be a great night there are still a handful of tickets left at £5.00 a ticket.

For tickets and or further details contact Bro. Lawrence Webb (Tel: 0141-571 4330).



SUMMER BARBECUE

SATURDAY 18/06/2016

**HAWAIIAN SHIRTS CAN BE
WORN**

Ticket prices and time to follow

MT, Cochrane Street, Barrhead





WORLD AT WAR 1914 – 1918

(April 1916)



With the First World War, unbeknown at the time, only approaching its mid-point and with hundreds of thousands already dead Britain now also had to turn its attentions to social unrest in what is now the Republic of Ireland.

6th German parliament approves unrestricted submarine warfare

8th Norway approves active & passive female suffrage

9th The Libau sets sail from Germany with a cargo of 20,000 rifles to assist Irish republicans; Captain Karl Spindler changes the name of the vessel to the Aud to avoid British detection

12th Irish nationalist activist and poet Roger Casement boards submarine U-19 at Wilhelmshaven, Germany, bound for a rendezvous with the Aud at Tralee

18th US Secretary of State Warns Germany that the USA may break diplomatic relations unless torpedo attacks on unarmed ships stop

19th Italian troops conquer Col di Lana at Merano

19th Alderman Kelly reads the 'Castle Order' to a meeting of Dublin Corporation; this forged document supposedly from Dublin Castle, indicated that there was to be mass arrests of Irish Volunteers to prevent "trouble"

20th German-British sea battle off Belgian coast

21st The Aud, carrying a cargo of 20,000 rifles to assist Irish republicans in staging what would become the 1916 Rising, is captured by the British Navy and forced to sail towards Cork Harbour

22nd France continue to battle at Fort Douaumont

22nd Karl Spindler scuttles the Aud near Daunt's Rock, to prevent its cargo of 20,000 rifles destined for Irish republicans falling into enemy hands

22nd Chief of Staff of the Irish Volunteers Eóin MacNeill issues the Countermanding order in Dublin to **try to stop what would become the Easter Rising**

24th Ernest Shackleton and five men of the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition launch a lifeboat from uninhabited Elephant Island in the Southern Ocean to organise a rescue for ice-trapped ship Endurance

27th The British renew their assault on the Irish Volunteer position in Mount Street; shelling also sets the buildings on fire

29th Irish republicans abandon the post office in Dublin and surrender unconditionally, marking the end of the Easter Rising

30th Germany ratifies bill bringing in Daylight Saving Time - first country in the world



FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 17 Years Ago



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RWM Bro. Robin Murray

At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 6th April 1999 FULTON ARTHUR was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order by a deputation of Office-bearers and Brethren from our good friends in Lodge Nitshill, No.1478 in what was a good rendering of the E.A. Degree. All in attendance were appreciative of the display from Bro Terry Jackson RWM and his team and at the close of the meeting the Brethren of both Lodges enjoyed a good evening's harmony.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm Lodge Closed : 9-50pm Attendance : 102

At the Regular Meeting on Tuesday 20th of April the members of the Instruction Class of the Lodge conferred a dramatised Fellowcraft Degree upon one of the younger Brethren of the Lodge. This was a FIRST for Union & Crown and had been a couple of years in the planning before it finally saw the light of day. We suspect lthough that it had been an idea within the fertile imagination of Bro Bud Gauld PM, our worthy Secretary, for some considerable time longer.

Designed to compliment our universally popular dramatised Third Degree it was a delight to witness a spot of history in the making. The Brethren who were taking part are to be congratulated for the manner in which they played their parts with gusto, dressing in costumes from the earlier part of the nineteenth century and even adopting the correct pattern of speech for the early Brethren of 307 for that period.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm Lodge Closed : 9-21pm Attendance : 122

Further to our snippet in last month's Mallet, Bro John Watt PM of 116 is still on the lookout for Masonic Yearbooks, especially 1960, 1962, 1964, 1967 and any from the 1950's

Agony is: Standing next to PM's John Livingstone and Brian Morton during the singing of the opening ode at a regular meeting or visitation!

It was good to see a total of **SIX** R.W.M.'s attending one of our recent meetings.

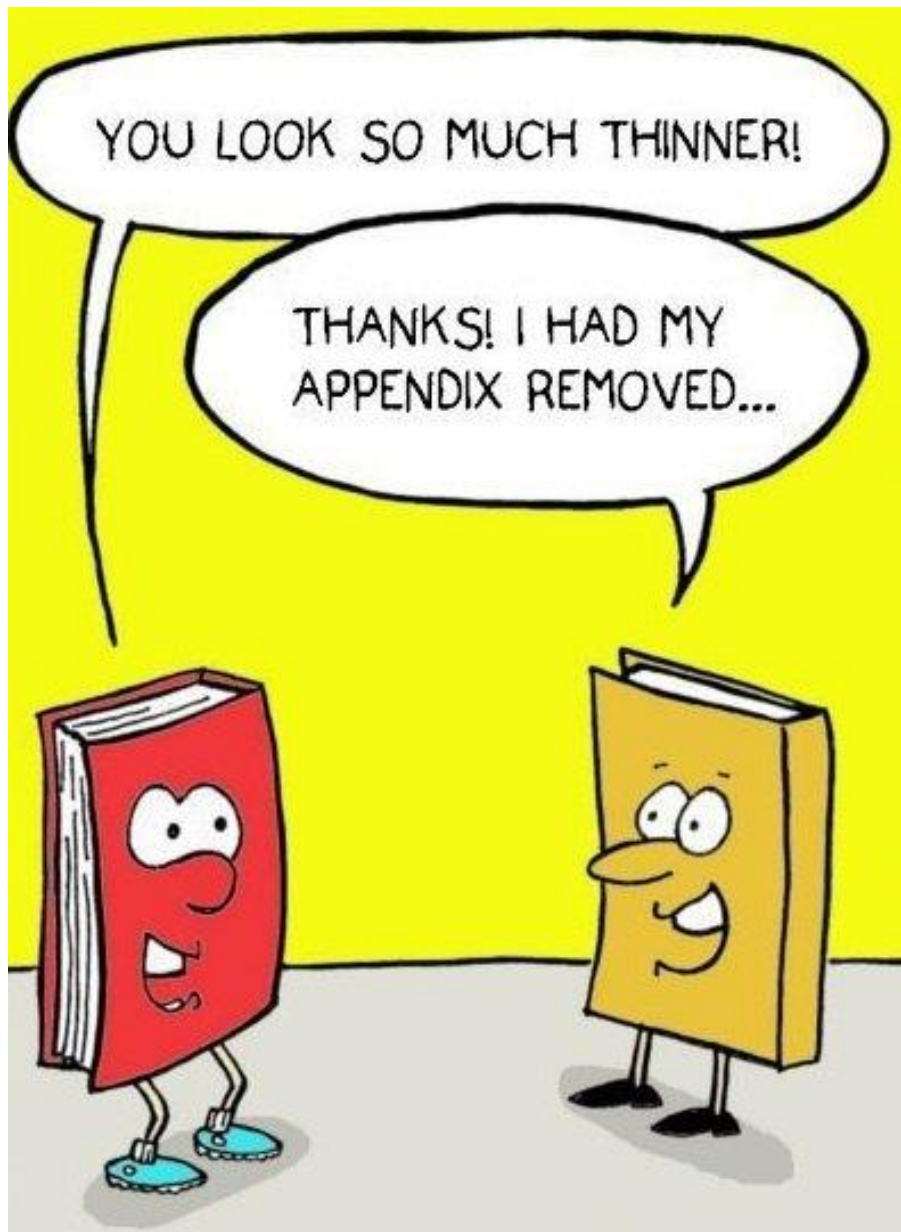
We offer our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Bro Robert Paton on celebrating his 80th Birthday. A faithful attender of the Social Club until ill health rendered him housebound in recent years, Bro Robert always likes to keep in touch.

Bro Bobby Carrey was surprised to overhear one of the questions on Channel 4's "15 to 1" quiz show recently – "Who was Boaz's wife?" *Answers on a postcard to*

We offer our congratulations to both Bro Jim Armstrong and Bro Robert Young, the latest in a long line of 307 Brethren who have been elected President of Shanks BC and St John's BC respectively.

We would like to give a word of greeting to Bro Robert Tipple PM of Lodge St Andrew in St Johns, Newfoundland. An avid reader of The Mallet , which he receives from Bro Bobby Carrey PM and passes round a goodly number of his Canadian Brethren.

Humour



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"With grateful thanks to all those who have freely given their assistance"



Syllabus 2015-2016

* - Denotes an Official visit



May 2016

Tuesday 03rd 07:30pm Dramatisation Prisoners of War

Summer Recess

September 2016

Tuesday 06th 07:30pm FC Degree By Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426

Tuesday 20th 07:30pm MM Degree By the Lodge Instruction Class

October 2016

Friday 07th 07:30pm Open night dramatisation, The Table of Scottish Freemasons

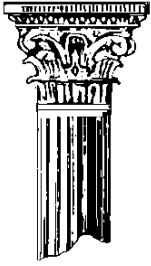
Tuesday 18th 07:30pm Annual General Meeting

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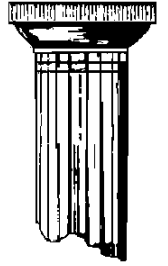
Tuesday 01st 07:30pm MM Degree Dramatisation

Tuesday 15th 07:30pm MMM Degree By Bro. Alan Bernard IPM

Saturday 26th 04:00pm Installation 2016-2017



OFFICE BEARERS 2015 - 2016



RWM	Ian Blair
WSW	Christopher Baillie
WJW	Kenneth Beatts
IPM	Alan Bernard IPM
Depute Master	William H Gauld PM
Substitute Master	George McGrandles
Secretary	James Miller PM
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Junior Deacon	Nicol Hynd
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Junior Chaplain	Steven Ross
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Jeweler	Tommy Wilson
Bible bearer	Lee Renfrew
Director of Music	Lawrence Webb
Organist	Billy Petrie
Marshall	Adam Watson
Standard bearer	John Miller
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Steward	Gordon Neil
Tyler	Jimmy Laing

